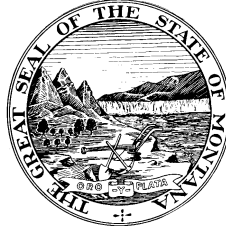


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January 9, 2014

Mr. Patrick R. Corcoran, Vice President
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NorthWestern Energy
40 East Broadway
Butte, MT 59701

RE: Data requests in Docket D2013.12.85

Dear Mr. Corcoran,

Enclosed please find data request PSC-067 from the Montana Public Service Commission to NorthWestern Energy (NWE) in the above-referenced Docket. Please provide responses by January 17, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6359.

Sincerely,

Will Rosquist
Regulatory Division
Montana Public Service Commission

Service Date: January 9, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Application for Approval to Purchase and)	
Operate PPL Montana's Hydroelectric Facilities,)	DOCKET NO. D2013.12.85
for Approval of Inclusion of Generation Asset)	
Cost of Service in Electricity Supply Rates, for		
Approval of Issuance of Securities to Complete		
the Purchase, and for Related Relief		

**DATA REQUEST PSC-67 OF THE
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
TO
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**

PSC-067

Regarding: Modeled resource portfolios
Witness: Stimatz and/or other appropriate witnesses

Explain why NorthWestern did not model the resource portfolios defined in data request PSC-047a, or similarly structured portfolios, in its 2013 resource plan given that NorthWestern's 2011 resource plan concluded that similar portfolios were preferred (see Table 31, 2011 Electricity Supply Resource Procurement Plan, Volume 1, p. 185)?